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1. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS-HUPE'S CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN THE
DEPARTMENT HAVE PROVIDED US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
WITH HIM IN SOME DETAIL THE QUESTION OF SWEDISH ATTITUDES
ON VIET-NAM ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR IS VERY MINDFUL OF OUR
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INTEREST IN BRINGING ABOUT A MORE BALANCED GOS APPROACH TO

THESE ISSUES AND ASSURES US THAT HE HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO THAT END. HE HAS MADE FULL USE OF THE ARGUMENTS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY SAIGON AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. AT THE SAME TIME AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE HAS REITERATED THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH REALITIES IN SWEDEN, AND THOSE REALITIES, ROOTED IN DOMESTIC POLITICS, REPRESENT A MARKED TILT IN FAVOR OF THE DRV/PRG. WE CANNOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO CHANGE THIS BASIC SWEDISH INCLINATION, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR TERM. BUT WE CAN AT LEAST SEEK TO EFFECT SOME RIGHTING OF THE IMBALANCE. THIS IS WHAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHEN HE RESUMES HIS DIALOGS IN STOCKHOLM, PARTICULARLY WITH FONMIN ANDERSSON WHO IS RELATIVELY MORE SYMPATHETIC ON THESE ISSUES THAN ARE MOST SWEDISH

OFFICIALS.

3. WE TOO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RECENT DROPPING OF THE RVN FROM THE SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC LIST, AND AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ANDERSSON FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO POST LATER THIS WEEK. THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOTED THAT ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN THIS MATTER WAS THE SEEMING LACK OF AN ENERGETIC EFFORT BY THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN BONN TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS IN STOCKHOLM. INGERSOLL

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